by Gen¹ Smallwood; there are no Depositions before us rela- c. c. tive to them; the Gen¹ tells us that they were taken up but a little Time before he came away, that from Information they ought to be confined, and he expects, before this Time, Depositions are taken concerning their Conduct, if there are, we wish to have them transmitted. We shall be glad to be advised of the Expence of the Force now kept up and from Time to Time of the State of Things with you.

To Col. J. Dashiell
Col<sup>o</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Done
Maj<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Done
Maj<sup>r</sup> James Martin

And are Gent

Yrs &ca

[Council to Col. Hall.]

17

In Council 9th Apl 1777.

Sir.

Agreeably to your Desire is inclosed an Order on Mr Gerrard Hopkins to deliver to you one Hundred Blankets, out of those which may be delivered to him in Consequence of the late Law for the Collection of Blanketts; also a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly, relative to the Public Arms in the Hands of the Military; and you are requested to deliver to Mr Gerrard Hopkins, all the Public Arms in the Hands of the Men under your Command. No Inconvenience will arise from this Resolve, as we have certain Information, not only of a sufficient Quantity of Arms, but also of Tents, Canteens and Camp Kettles being at Philadelphia for the Public Service

We are &ca

Colº Josias C. Hall.

[Council to Col. Gist.]

18

In Council 9th Apl 1777.

Sir.

Agreeably to your Desire is inclosed an Order on M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Hopkins to deliver to you, sixty two Blankets, out of those which may be delivered to him in Consequence of the late Law for the Collection of Blanketts; also a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly, relative to the Public Arms in the Hands of the Military, and you are requested to deliver all the Public Arms in the Hands of the Men under your Command into the Possession of M<sup>r</sup> Gerrard Hopkins. No Inconvenience will arise from this Resolve, as we have certain Information not only of a sufficient Number of Arms, but also